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for Redetermination of a Deficiency or Revision of a Determination or Refund of Corporation Franchise Tax under Article 9-A of the Tax Law for : the Years 1974 - 1976.

State of New York }

ss.:

County of Albany }

David Parchuck, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an employee of the State Tax Commission, that he is over 18 years of age, and that on the 6th day of July, 1984, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Sam Goody, Inc., the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Sam Goody, Inc. 46-35 54th Rd. Maspeth, NY 11378

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a post office under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

Sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1984.

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Gerald J. Roth Mann, Judd, Landau & Co. 230 Park Ave. New York, NY 10017

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July 6, 1984

Sam Goody, Inc. 46-35 54th Rd. Maspeth, NY 11378

## Gentlemen:

Please take notice of the Decision of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 1090 of the Tax Law, a proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission may be instituted only under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Law Bureau - Litigation Unit Building #9, State Campus Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-2070

Very truly yours,

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cc: Petitioner's Representative Gerald J. Roth Mann, Judd, Landau & Co. 230 Park Ave. New York, NY 10017 Taxing Bureau's Representative

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Petitioner, Sam Goody, Inc., 46-35 54th Road, Maspeth, New York 11378, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of corporation franchise tax under Article 9-A of the Tax Law for the years 1974 through 1976 (File No. 20384).

A formal hearing was held before William J. Dean, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on October 29, 1979 at 1:15 P.M. Petitioner appeared before Gerald J. Roth, Esq. and Stanley Berlinger, CPA, of Mann Judd Landau, CPA's. The Audit Division appeared by Ralph J. Vecchio, Esq. (Irwin Levy, Esq., of counsel).

### **ISSUE**

Whether the Audit Division should have allowed a deduction taken by petitioner on its franchise tax reports for the years 1974 through 1976 for interest expense attributable to subsidiary capital.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, a domestic corporation, filed "New York State Corporation Franchise Tax Report Article 9-A, Tax Law" forms for the years 1974 through 1976. On each report petitioner deducted interest expense attributable to subsidiary capital.

- 2. The Audit Division disallowed interest attributable to subsidiary capital as a deduction in the computation of entire net income on the basis of section 208.9(b)(6), Article 9-A of the Tax Law. The method used for determining the amount of indirect interest was to multiply total interest expense by the percentage resulting from dividing the average fair market value of subsidiary assets by the average fair market value of total assets.
- 3. During the years in question, petitioner had excluded no income from subsidiary capital in computing its entire net income.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That Tax Law section 208, subdivision 9 furnishes the definition for and method of computing entire net income; paragraph (a), subparagraph (1) thereof provides that entire net income shall not include "income, gains and losses from subsidiary capital...". Paragraph (b) sets forth those exclusions, deductions and credits which are not permitted in the determination of entire net income and provides, in pertinent part:

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C. That the petition of Sam Goody, Inc. is denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

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